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THE "BRIEFING PAPERS" LEAK

REFS: (A) BRASILIA 4653 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 145949

1. IN ADDITION TO COVERAGE REPORTED REF (A), BRAZILIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED DISCLOSURE OF "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" USG DOCUMENTS IN WHICH BRAZIL'S PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS WAS DESCRIBED AS "SLOW BUT HOPEFUL". AT THE SAME TIME, DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY CHARACTERIZED GOB AS PLAYING "MOST NEGATIVE ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA" ON OAS AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS. DOCUMENTS, REPORTEDLY OBTAINED BY UPI ABOUT TIME OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL IN MARCH, ARE APPARENTLY SAME BRIEFING PAPERS REPORTED REF (A).

2. BRAZILIAN PRESS QUOTES FROM DOCUMENTS (INFORMAL TRANSLATION): "THE INTERNAL PERFORMANCE OF BRAZIL WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY SLOW BUT HOPEFUL PROGRESS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, BUT PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES STILL PERSIST."

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THE QUOTATION CONTINUED: "IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENTS. IN THE PAST, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT GRANTED A CLEAR PRIORITY TO ECONOMIC GROWTH OVER SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT THERE ARE NOW INDICATIONS THAT THERE BE COULD A REORDERING OF THOSE PRORITIES." THE DOCUMENTS REPORTEDLY REVEALED THAT USG STILL CONSIDERED BRAZIL'S PROGRESS

INSUFFICIENT IN AREAS INVOLVING RESTORATION OF  
HABEAS CORPUS, NATIONAL SECURITY QUESTIONS, POLITICAL  
AMNESTY, AND PRESS FREEDOM.

3. THE DOCUMENTS REPORTEDLY ALLEGED THAT GOB SUPPORTED  
PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT WHEN IT OPPOSED VISIT TO ASUNCION  
OF OAS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT IT PROMPTED  
GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY TO OFFER MONTEVIDEO AS NEXT SITE  
FOR OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THUS "DELAYING" COMMISSION'S  
VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY. IT WAS SUPPOSEDLY BECAUSE OF  
THESE ACTIVITIES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS ADVISED TO  
EXPRESS TO PRESIDENT GEISEL THE HOPE THAT GOB WOULD  
SUPPORT THE OAS AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS.  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADVISERS ALLEGEDLY URGED HIM TO  
STRESS IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL  
THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WAS KEY ISSUE IN US FOREIGN POLICY.

4. COVERAGE OF DOCUMENTS' DISCLOSURE WAS JUST APOSED  
WITH REPORT OF GOB FOREIGN MINISTRY JUSTIFICATION  
OF ITS JUNE 7 OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATION OF  
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
(REF B). ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN  
LAMPREIA, GOB'S NEGATIVE VOTE WAS BASED ON  
"QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE", SINCE IT WAS NOT PROPER  
FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL  
TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENTS  
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AND "OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES". (THIS HAS BEEN  
BRAZIL'S POSITION ON PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
BODIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. LAMPREIA  
NOTED THAT BRAZIL HAD ALSO VOTED AGAINST OBSERVER  
STATUS OF OASGA FOR COUNCIL OF AMERICAS AND NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST.  
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